

*By educating ourselves on how the pig perceives and reacts to its world... a world which includes you... we can become more effective handlers. This will help create a safer environment for both pigs and people.*



You need to understand pig behavior to stay safe and avoid injury.



A pig that has had consistently positive human interactions will be safer to handle.



Calm and quick movements increase pig responsiveness.



Make sure you are not in the pig's blind spot. To respond to you, they need to see you.



When moving pigs, allow time for them to explore while limiting distractions and novelties.



Realize each pig has a different sized flight zone or space bubble depending on its individual experience.



You have a bubble too, that pig will work to stay out of. You can use this to direct pig traffic.



The herd also has a flight zone, the result of many individual flight zones working as one.



Pigs that cannot find a release from pressure may become frantic and injure themselves, other pigs, or you.



Special care must be provided to pigs showing physical symptoms of stress.